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OPERATIONAL MEMO #4**

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors

FROM: Peggy Pawelek Brown, Manager
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DATE: October 17, 2002

SUBJECT: **Federal Interim Rule: *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Implementing Legislative Reforms to Strengthen Integrity***

Enclosed is a copy of the Interim Rule, *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Implementing Legislative Reforms to Strengthen Integrity*, which was published in the *Federal Register* on June 27, 2002. Also enclosed is a copy of the January 1, 2002 version of the CACFP regulations, 7 CFR Part 226, that are updated (highlighted) with changes from the interim rule and from the recent final rule, *Amendments to the Child Nutrition Infant Meal Pattern*, published on May 28, 2002.

This Interim Rule incorporates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations the changes mandated by the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 and the Grain Standards and Warehouse Improvement Act of 2000. The changes made by these laws that affect the Child and Adult Care Food Program were enacted due to concerns resulting from the findings of State and Federal Program reviews and from audits and investigations conducted by the Department's Office of Inspector General. The changes made by this rule are in several broad Program areas:

- C the basic eligibility criteria for participation by institutions
- C procedures for denying institutions' applications and for terminating agreements with institutions and day care homes that do not meet Program requirements
- C administrative review procedures for institutions and day care homes
- C State agency and sponsoring organization monitoring requirements
- C limits on the amount of reimbursable administrative costs for sponsors of centers
- C State agency controls on day care home participation

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The changes are designed to improve Program operations and monitoring at the State agency and institution levels.

If you have any questions regarding this memo you may contact our office at (517) 373-7391.

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Enclosure

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